
PROCEEDINGS
OF THE
ASSEMBLY OF REPRESENTATIVE RYOTS AND MERCHANTS
OF THE
PROVINCE OF MYSORE.

SHIMOGA DISTRICT.

10TH OCTOBER 1889.

1. Mr. Hosabálé Subba Rao submitted for the consideration of Government the justice of giving *supari* garden owners some relief from the existing double taxation on their gardens and the *supari* produced therein. He pointed out that the assessment on the garden was high, and the addition of "*halat*" or *sayer* on the *supari* was a grievous burden; that *supari* growers in the neighbouring British Taluks were exempt from this tax, and that the foreign article brought into Mysore was not subjected to the payment of *sayer* in Mysore, thereby putting the Mysore traders under great disadvantage.

The Dewan replied that the Government were aware of the hardship complained of, and that the fact was referred to in the Address for the current year. He consulted the Members present as to the kind of relief which would be most beneficial to the interest concerned, a reduction in the land assessment or remission of the *sayer*. The Members preferred the latter, and the Dewan promised that the subject shall receive close and careful consideration.

2. The disadvantage of *hissedars* in not having their names entered in Government accounts along with the names of the *Khatdars* was again this year submitted for the favorable decision of Government. The Dewan replied that the existing rules were under revision in connection with the framing of rules under the Land Revenue Code, and that the grievance complained of would be remedied as much as was possible.

3. The question whether the collection of Municipal tax in one station, should not exempt the taxed article from collection of further Municipal tax when the article is removed to another Municipality was submitted for early decision. Mr. Subba Rao said that the subject was discussed last year, but no decision was arrived at.

He was told in reply that the Government had no doubt that the claim for exemption was just, but that it was not quite easy to hit upon a satisfactory procedure of adjustment of the tax collected in the first station where the tax might be collected on the whole bulk when broken there. The Dewan suggested there were only two ways of solving the difficulty, *viz*:—

- (1) The Municipality to which the taxed article might be taken and where it might be consumed, should keep an account of the quantity of articles so brought in and consumed and demand of the Municipality that collected the tax a refund of the amount collected on this quantity as shown in the account.

This procedure, he said, was open to the objection that it involved an unsatisfactory system of refunds, depending upon the accuracy of accounts kept by subordinate officials of no high status.

- (2) That Government might reserve to themselves the right of distributing at the end of each year, the whole of the Municipal collections of a District among the several Municipalities of that District according to a fixed scale, based upon the average receipts of these Municipalities for the three or five previous years.

To this scheme also, he observed, there were objections, of which the chief was the arbitrary nature of the scale. He promised to give the subject early attention and issue final orders.

4. Objection was taken to one feature in the present system of vending general stamps. Mr. Subba Rao urged that it was possible for any one to go to the vendor and purchase stamps in the name of another and forge a document against him. He suggested that the vendor should record the identity of the vendee who appeared before him, and that in cases where the vendor did not personally know the vendee,

the latter should produce before the vendor witnesses to prove the vendee's identity, and that, after this preliminary enquiry, the vendor should make a note of these facts in the registers and issue the stamps.

The Dewan observed that the procedure suggested was elaborate, not in the least calculated to arrest the evil complained of and that it would put too much power into the hands of the stamp vendor. He, however, thought that the registers kept by the vendor showing the details of sales of papers might contain the signature of the party purchasing the stamps opposite the entry showing the sale. He promised to consider the subject further.

5. The same Member represented that he had heard that survey accounts Nos. 5, 6, 7, 9, 10, 11 were ordered to be destroyed as useless, and begged that the order might be withdrawn, as these accounts were of great value and furnished very important information connected with land.

The Dewan said that he was not aware of any such orders on the subject; nor was the Superintendent of Survey, who was present. There was, however, a general order sanctioning destruction of certain accounts, which subject would be fully gone into while framing the rules under the Land Revenue Code.

6. The following case was submitted for redress :—

A, the owner of a house or *Malige* lets it to B, who keeps a shop for trade and leaves the place without payment of the shop tax. The Revenue authorities collected the shop tax from the owner of the building, which was unjust, the owner having to pay the house or the *Malige*-tax as usual.

The Dewan said that the tax on the shop was for the particular use of the building and in consequence the person that so used it should pay it and not the owner who paid the usual tax on the building.

7. Mr. Tirupalyana Venkatappa advocated the appointment of a Sub-Judge for Shimoga, on the ground that the District and Sessions Judge was fully occupied with Criminal cases and he had little or no time to spare for the hearing and disposal of Civil appeals.

The Member's attention was drawn to the very light Criminal file of the Session's Court and the lighter Civil original file, and the Dewan remarked that either the complaint was ill-founded or the District Judge very dilatory.

8. The Member complained that often Civil cases were posted for final hearing, which meant taking out summonses for witnesses on the chance of notices on defendants being served: when notices were not returned served, fresh notices issued and the witnesses were summoned again, adding considerably to the cost. Besides, there were cases of admission, in which cases, the summoning of witnesses was an unnecessary cost. He begged that orders might issue for the *first* hearing of cases in the first instance.

The Dewan pointed out to the Member that the Civil Procedure Code provided for the issue of notices to defendant to appear before Court to say whether he admitted the claim or not, and that if such notices were taken out, the cost of summoning witnesses would be considerably diminished.

9. Complaining against long detention of witnesses in Civil Courts, Mr. Venkatappa said that the chief cause of these detentions was frequent and unnecessary adjournments.

The Dewan said that the lists showing the duration of these detentions in the various Courts told entirely another tale altogether in favor of very short duration, and that he did not believe that the lists always recorded actual facts and thought greater scrutiny was necessary. He referred the subject for the examination of the Chief Court.

10. The early introduction of the Local Fund Act was urged.

The Dewan said that the Act would come in as early as possible.

11. *Mr. Hosabale Subba Rao* commented on the present Law for the cutting and removal of timber from Forests on paid licenses. He said that the rate was fixed with reference to the number of trees cut which was what they wanted, and that the rates were quite fair. He complained that the licenses stated not only the number of trees to be cut, but mentioned the probable quantity of timber in terms of cart-loads, which often proved erroneous, the timber manufactured from the trees often exceeding the quantity cartable by the number of carts shown in the licenses. The result was that the excess carts were seized as not being covered by the passes, and the license-holders were prosecuted and punished. It was urged, therefore, that the entry as to cart-loads should be omitted.

The Inspector General of Forests and the Deputy Commissioner, Shimoga, were opposed to the suggestion, and said that without some such entry showing the probable quantity of timber, there would be no check upon excess felling. The Inspector General said that he was proposing to fix the seigniorage on cart-loads, and not on the number of trees, and that the rate of such seigniorage would not materially differ from the present rate on trees. The Member was content.

The Dewan said that the time fixed for the removal of timber from Forests should be ample and that when once fixed, it should not, without special reasons, be extended.

12. Complaint was made against extension of Reserved Forests and the consequent diminution of District Forests to the great disadvantage of the agricultural wants of the country.

The Dewan said that the people had only to represent the fact in individual cases to the Deputy Commissioner, who would examine each case carefully and adopt measures for removal of all grounds for complaint.

13. Honne and Matti trees were asked for free, for raiyats, for the manufacture of agricultural implements, on the ground that such implements preserved the crop better than implements made of any other wood.

The application was referred to the Forest Department for consideration.

14. Free grant of bamboos and bamboo-thorns for fencing sugar-cane fields of the Maidan Taluks was asked for: such grant, the Member said, was allowed to the Malnad raiyats and not to the Maidan.

The Dewan said that in the Maidan bamboo-thorns were granted free and not bamboos, and he was not prepared to extend the indulgence. He would however consider a lower rate of fees for bamboos, and referred the subject to Mr. Ricketts for early submission of a report from the Forest Department.

15. Removal of restriction against felling of green wood for fuel was advocated on the ground that such wood was absolutely necessary for boiling sugar-cane juice. The Deputy Commissioner of Shimoga said that the restriction was against felling of trees fit for timber of any kind, and not of trees absolutely fit for fuel and for no other purpose.

The Dewan said the restriction was just.

16. The Member requested that Shanbhogs and Patels might be authorized to grant permit for felling wood in District jungles for raiyats' agricultural implements.

The Dewan pointed out to him that the rules required no such permit, and that the raiyats were free to go into such jungles for collecting wood for such implements.

17. Separation of village site, Soppinabetta and Saguvali kan, all now included in one survey number, and separate demarcation of them were pressed on the attention of Government.

The Dewan promised that the Survey Superintendent would be asked to send a party early, if possible next season, for commencing this work.

18. It was submitted that the seigniorage on "Matti" and "Jambe" trees should be lowered.

The Inspector General of Forests was asked to make a note of this request, and also of an application to grant raiyats timber-poles where bamboos could not be given them, and to submit proposals.

19. *Mr. Nagappa and Mr. Venkatappa* recommended sale of the Shendi contract talukvar, on the ground that it would increase the revenue.

The Dewan said he proposed doing so the next time the contract would be given out.

20. It was urged that the rule that the retail arrack shop-keepers of a taluk should not be related to one another and to the wholesale vendor was hard, and that while the rule might fairly apply to brothers and fathers and sons, it ought not to apply to distant relations and cousins.

The Dewan admitted that there was some force in the complaint, and promised to consult the Excise Commissioner on the subject.

21. *Mr. Venkatappa* thanked the Government on behalf of the Municipality, for having undertaken to carry out the Shimoga drainage scheme at State cost, and requested that early measures might be adopted for filling in the Kumbargundi. He further requested that the Government might be graciously pleased to pay and maintain the Town Police, the Municipal income being too poor to bear its cost, and at the same time carry out sanitary improvements absolutely necessary for the health of the inhabitants.

The Dewan said the Government would willingly undertake this additional cost, if it were found necessary, in public interest.

22. He begged that early steps might be taken to extend the Railway line from Birur to Shimoga, and to locate a Sub-Taluk at Harihar, adding it to the Shimoga District.

The Dewan noted these points.

23. *Mr. Chandrayana Nagappa* complained that the Shendi in the Hiduvali kans of the Malnad, which belonged to the Hiduvalidar, was sold by the Government as part of the Government contract, and requested that the Hiduvali Shendi might be separated and given to the Hiduvalidars free.

The Dewan pointed out that the Member was mistaken if he thought that the Shendi in such kans was the absolute property of the Hiduvalidars, who on the contrary, were entitled to as much Shendi as might be found necessary for the use of their servants and themselves, and not more, and that the excess belonged to Government.

24. *Mr. H. Subba Rao* suggested that the Mysore Anche might be restored, and that its transfer to the Imperial Postal Department involved a loss of dignity to the Mysore State.

The Dewan explained generally the circumstances under which the transfer was made, and referred the Member to his Address for particulars.

25. *Mr. Honnali Nadig Tirmappa, and Mr. Thagarti Basappa*, complained against inadequate Hulbanni provision and the encroachment of the Forest Department on the existing comparatively small extent of Hulbanni lands. The Deputy Commissioner who had fully gone into the subject reported that in the absence of definite information, he could not give a satisfactory reply to the complaint, and that to the best of his knowledge, the provisions were ample for grazing purposes, and that if in any particular locality, there was inadequate grazing, he would, if possible, arrange for relief being granted.

26. *Mr. Sagar Gurusiddappa and Mr. Siralkoppa Kadirmandige Krishnappa* thought that in Municipal Towns, the rule that the inhabitants should assist the Police in the night patrolling work should be withdrawn. The Inspector General

of Police said that it would be so withdrawn, if the inhabitants, as in the Town of Davangere, paid a money contribution for additional Police. The Members thought that such contribution would be more agreeable than the night patrolling.

The Dewan promised consideration of the subject.

27. *Mr. Tirthahalli Siruwante Dasappa* recommended the location of a Munsiff's Court at Tirthahalli for the Taluks of Koppa, Nagar and Tirthahalli.

The recommendation was noted.

28. The Members who recommended various Marahmat projects were asked to file a general list of such works for the entire Shimoga District, and the list so submitted was transferred to the Chief Engineer for consideration.

KADUR DISTRICT.

10TH OCTOBER 1889.

1 *Mr. Attigal Shamanna* recommended that a place and time should be fixed for the Representative Members holding a preliminary meeting at the Head-quarters of Taluks and at Mysore.

The Dewan thought the recommendation good, and said he would draw up further rules for their guidance, after hearing what the Mysore and Bangalore Members had to say on the subject.

2. The Members begged that the Dasara Proceedings book might be given to every Member in the general list of the Taluk, and not only to the attending Members.

The request was granted.

3. Railway lines from Birur to Shimoga, Birur to Chikmagalur and on to Mangalore were recommended.

The recommendation was noted.

4. Re-classification of Forest trees was advocated; the present 1st and 2nd classes contained almost all the useful trees and these trees were not allowed to raiyats for their agricultural implements; the 3rd class contained trees more fit for fuel; re-classification, under the circumstances, was absolutely necessary.

The Dewan said that a more liberal classification was under progress.

5. Complaint was made that often tank improvements were abandoned on the ground of heavy compensation charges payable to garden owners for their property in the tank bed. *Mr. Shamanna* requested that heavy charges should not be in the way of improvements.

The Dewan said that the Government would always take up remunerative work and work of real improvements: if *Mr. Shamanna* had any individual case to discuss, he might do so by a petition.

6. He thought it unjust that the British supari getting into Mysore should be exempted, while the Mysore supari was heavily taxed. He advocated either the abolition of the sayer, or the imposition of it on the British article.

The Dewan remarked that the argument appeared just and sensible, and promised to consider the subject.

7. He advocated the extension of the provisions of the Breach of Contract Act to land owners and their servants, and to merchants and traders and their servants.

The Dewan declined to make any such extension on the ground that the Act, as it was, was a very unsatisfactory Act, and difficult to construe, and that it was not giving satisfaction in the Coffee Plantations, whether to the Planters or their servants.

8. *Mr. Ganesha Rao* spoke about Railway extension to Chikmagalur.

This was noted.

9. *Mr. Vasudeva Shama Rao* suggested that Government should undertake the repairs and up-keep of tanks in the Malnad which were all with *achkats* of Rs. 100 and less; they should not be left to the raiyats who, from their poor circumstances, were unable to meet the cost.

The Dewan said these Malnad tanks were mostly very small kattes requiring little work beyond a small annual outlay of labor in strengthening the bunds, and

that Government interference was scarcely needed. Deputy Commissioners would be asked to report upon such tanks as required Government aid.

10. *Mr. Vasudeva Rao* requested that the Agricultural Inspectors might be directed to visit villages and impart instruction in agriculture and horticulture to raiyats.

The suggestion was noted.

11. *Mr. Rungaiya Hebbār* thought that useless ornaments and other movable property of temples might be sold, and the money thus realized spent in the general improvement of the institutions.

The Dewan concurred, and said he would issue instructions in the Muzarayi Department.

12. Lists of Marahinat works recommended by the Members were referred to the Chief Engineer for disposal.

13. *Mr. Clifford* representing the Planters' Association read a speech which will be found printed in the Appendix.

The Dewan in reply said that the points discussed required legislation, and legislation on the subject of Breach of Contract for service especially, was no easy matter. He promised to do what he could for the planters.

As regards the branch line of Railway from Kadur to Chikmagalur, he said that His Highness' Government were very anxious to afford the planting community and the merchants of the Kadur District every facility for transit and the subject would be most carefully considered.

CHITALDROOG DISTRICT.

10TH OCTOBER 1889.

Hiriyur Taluk.

1. *Mr. Contractor Bhima Rao* proposed that a Famine Fund should be formed by setting aside 6 pies for every rupee of Land revenue.

The Dewan noted the proposal.

2. He also proposed that the Shendi of each Taluk should be sold separately.

The Dewan referred the Member to the reply given to the Shimoga District.

Hiriyur Municipality.

2. *Mr. Venkatanarasaiya* urged the revival of the practice of remitting half the assessment on wet lands left waste by occupants for any reason.

The Dewan regretted he could not grant the request, and drew the attention of the Member to the order withdrawing the remission rules, which order contained all the reasons in full for doing so.

3. He requested that the raiyats might be granted Tangadi leaves free for manuring their lands.

The Inspector General of Forests considered that such grant would destroy or stunt the growth of trees which were a source of very good revenue to Government, and objected to the withdrawal of the existing restrictions. He thought that the raiyats should grow such trees on their own land if the leaves were really so valuable as they represented.

The Dewan remarked that the Government would not be justified in withdrawing any old customary privilege which the raiyats were enjoying, all on a sudden and without adequate notice. Where the privilege existed, they should be given a notice of 2 or 3 years, and prevented from taking the leaves after the expiration of that period. He would however consider the subject.

4. He advocated the free cutting of wood for fuel ; in other words the abolition of the seigniorage on it.

The Dewan did not think the existing arrangement was satisfactory. He thought a better arrangement would be for the Government to reserve certain fuel tracts in each Taluk or District and give up the rest for private felling free of all cost. This, in his opinion, would remove the existing dissatisfaction. He promised early and full consideration.

5. As regards the free cutting of date leaves by raiyats for agricultural purposes, which the Member said was objected to by the Forest authorities and contractors, the Dewan said that there was no rule prohibiting such cutting and that individual cases should be taken up before the Taluk and District authorities for redress.

6. The Member applied for a midwife for every taluk and the abolition of the school fee of one anna in Taluk schools.

As regards the midwife, the Dewan said he would consider proposals if they came up before him in the usual course of business, and dispose of each on its merits. But as regards the school fee, he did not think one anna a heavy charge.

7. *Mr. Chitaldroog Pengonde Krishna Char* urged that the order directing the execution of earthwork by raiyats to tanks brought up to standard and handed over to them should be withdrawn, as well as the order directing contribution in the way of earthwork to repairs of tanks with achkat of Rs. 300.

The Dewan said that the execution of earthwork in the first case was compulsory. It was an old arrangement well known to the Mysore raiyat. As regards the latter case, it has been said repeatedly that there was no compulsion, and that it was entirely optional.

8. He regretted to bring to notice that Municipal gardens in Chitaldroog were consuming a great deal of the supply of drinking water of the town and that the inhabitants were put to considerable inconvenience.

The Dewan promised to enquire.

9. A Member solicited that at the Railway Station of Holalkere, a chattr, a Police Station, and a drinking water well might be constructed.

The Dewan considered the application reasonable and would instruct the Deputy Commissioner to take early steps in this matter.

Davangere.

10. *Mr. Pandurangi Ramachari* complained that the prohibition against manufacture of salt in Mysore territory within 5 miles of the British frontier was causing great loss to inamdars whose villages are situated on the border, and requested either permission to begin the manufacture, or payment of compensation by either the British or the Mysore Government.

The Dewan referred to the orders of the British Government issued so far back as in 1874 and said he could grant no redress now.

11. He urged that inamdars should be given a grant-in-aid in constructing their tanks and otherwise improving their inam villages, as Government collected from them Irrigation cess and Local Fund cess.

The Dewan said that no Irrigation cess was demanded from them on lands irrigated by their own works and that the Local Fund cess was for works of an essentially local character by which the inamdars also were benefitted.

12. He recommended that Davangere might be transferred to the jurisdiction of the Munsiff of Chitaldroog. It was now under the Honnali Munsiff which was an inconvenience, owing to the unbridged river at Honnali.

The point was referred to the Chief Court for consideration.

13. *Mr. Mochanahalli Basappa* begged that Harihar might be made the Head-quarter of a taluk.

The Dewan said a Sub-taluk would be formed there and added on to Davangere if possible.

Holalkere Taluk.

14. *Mr. Hosadrug Kotrappa* requested sanction to construct farm-houses on the raiyats' kandayam land.

The Dewan said the Revenue Code and the Rules shortly to be issued under it, gave ample facilities for constructing such houses.

15. The list of Marahmat works proposed was transferred to the Chief Engineer for disposal.

BANGALORE DISTRICT.

11TH OCTOBER 1889.

Bangalore Municipality.

1. Mr. A. Raghavachariyar requested that the grant from the State Public Works Department for the maintenance of high roads running through the Municipal town, might be increased from Rs. 3,600 to Rs. 15,000.

The Dewan said that the grant of Rs. 3,600 for the portions of high roads which run through the town, seemed ample, and that sufficient reason had not been shown for a larger grant. The subject, however, would be examined in the Public Works Secretariat. Mr. Raghavachariyar said in explanation that the wear and tear of the road within the Municipal limits was great, and the rate of mileage was insufficient.

2. He recommended the levy of a wheel-tax on all spring-vehicles.

The Dewan was not in favor of additional taxation without absolute necessity for it, and promised to examine the proposal.

3. He recommended the imposition of octroi on cloth, if loom-tax were abandoned. He said the abandonment without a substitute would cause serious financial difficulty.

The Dewan noted the point for consideration.

4. The subject of water-supply was again discussed, and the Member was referred to the reply already given.

5. An Act for defining weights and measures, and an Act against adulteration of food articles, &c., were advocated.

The suggestions were noted.

6. He protested against the location of Arrack shops in objectionable places, and said that the Municipality should have a voice in fixing their localities.

The Dewan referred the Member to the orders on the subject, giving the Municipality the power now applied for.

7. He said that Bangalore Petta was sadly deficient in Public Buildings, Clock-towers, &c., and suggested the construction of a Town Hall and a Clock-tower.

The Member was told that the first consideration of Government was to secure for the town good sanitation and a good water-supply.

8. He begged that Government would take early measures for the removal of the Lunatic and Leper Asylums from the middle of the town to some more suitable place outside.

The Dewan remarked that he had not been able to find a proper place for these institutions and that the subject was under consideration of Government.

9. Mr. Hart suggested that the management of all Muzarayi institutions of the town of Bangalore should be handed over to the Municipality.

The Dewan considered this practicable on the condition that Government continued to exercise its present power of control over these institutions.

The Bangalore District.

10. Mr. Ramaswami Chettiar for the Rate-payers' Association objected to the deputation of Mr. A. Raghavachariyar, on behalf of the Municipality of Bangalore, on the ground that he was a Government servant, and urged that a non-official member of the Municipality might be deputed hereafter.

The Deputy Commissioner, who was present, explained that Mr. Raghavachariyar was there as a Municipal member, and not in virtue of his office as Revenue Sheristadar; that his selection by the Board was unanimous and supported by Mr. Ramaswami Chettiyar himself.

The Dewan said that the Municipality was at liberty to depute any one of its members and he saw no reason to interfere. It was desirable that the Municipality should note the objection and deal with it as they deemed best.

11. He requested that the Proceedings of the Dasara Assembly might form an Appendix to the Dewan's Address.

This was ordered accordingly. The Proceedings and the Address are to be printed and bound together so as to form a single pamphlet.

12. He recommended that, for the information of the public, Administration Reports of every Department and the monthly Proceedings Book of Government might be sold.

The Dewan said he would sanction the sale of the Reports, but not of the monthly Proceedings; no Government or Administration ever sold these. Papers of public interest were always placed on the Editor's table and that would satisfy all reasonable requirements.

13. The Member quoted extracts from the Speeches of the late Dewan, in re the formation of an association of private gentlemen for considering the means of developing various industries of the Province, and requested that Government might form such an association.

The Dewan said that the initiative should be taken by private gentlemen of capital and experience, and that they should ~~form themselves into an association~~, and the Government would be prepared to grant them all reasonable help.

14. He suggested the early abolition of loom-tax in the Bangalore Town, on the grounds urged in the previous meetings. The Deputy Commissioner was in favor of the abolition. The Dewan enquired whether the Municipality was able to forego this tax without inconvenience; the Member suggested octroi on cloth as a substitute for the loom-tax.

The Dewan promised consideration of the subject.

15. He discussed the water-supply scheme for the Bangalore Town.

This was under consideration of Government.

16. He brought to notice that Revenue officers and in fact most of the officers in every Department, were not giving appointments to candidates who had passed the Local Vernacular Examination, and requested the Dewan would see that the rule was strictly observed.

The Dewan promised to enquire into it.

The Member complained against the Educational Department as well, where he said, the inspecting staff was not up to the work and that incompetent men were promoted to the grade of Inspectors.

The Dewan said he would enquire into this as well.

17. It was urged that the Deputy Commissioners of Districts were not evincing much interest in the development of Local Self-Government, that the Municipal and Local Funds Boards were not properly constituted and held, and that unless the system of election of these members by the people was sanctioned, there was no likelihood of much good resulting from these Boards.

The Dewan said that the subject was discussed last year, and he could not add any thing more to the reply then given. He said that His Highness' Govern-

ment were not in favor of introducing the election system as recommended by the Member. He was also sure that a very large majority of the Representative members were against such a system.

18. The subject of separating Judicial from Revenue functions was again discussed, and the Member was referred to the views of His Highness' Government as expressed in the Proceedings of the past year's Dasara meetings.

19. Complaint was made that Amildars directed the Members by takids to proceed to this Assembly, and that this was objectionable, and it was suggested that the Secretary to the Government might issue a courteous invitation.

The Deputy Commissioner, Bangalore, said that the takid was not the proper form but *mamul* in the Bangalore District, and not adopted in other Districts. He would alter the form from next year.

20. The Member represented that many of the Representatives were ignorant of what was expected of them after their arrival at Mysore for this meeting. He begged that rules might be framed by Government and published, directing the members to meet at Mysore at a particular time and place, and discuss previously the subjects of their respective Districts and draw up a final Memorandum of subjects to be discussed at this Assembly, entering in it the names of the members selected for speaking. An official of Government and a peon might also be placed at the disposal of these members for giving them stationery and any other help they might need.

The Dewan explained that the existing rules were ample, that members of more than one District knew that the Rangacharlu Memorial Hall was the place for preliminary meetings and that these members met there yearly, discussed the subjects, drew up their final Memoranda, and entered in them the names of the speakers, and that there was every year, in this Hall, a Mutchi or a peon, prepared to give the necessary stationery to the Members. The Dewan added that the day and hour of these preliminary meetings were points properly left to the decision of the members of each District.

21. The Member repeated this year the complaint against the exercise of summary powers by Magistrates.

The Dewan said there were only two subordinate Magistrates who exercised these powers, namely the Town Magistrates of Mysore and Bangalore, and that he would see whether the same cannot be dispensed with.

Bangalore Taluk.

22. Mr. Settur Krishnaiengar, on behalf of Inamdars, said that it would be a great convenience if Taluk Amildars were permitted to grant free license for felling and removing timber belonging to Jodi, Kayamgutta, and Sarva Inam villages.

The Dewan asked the Inspector General of Forests to issue early instructions on the subject, defining the authority that should grant the license, and the period within which the timber specified in the license should be removed from jungles in question, and remarked that the period should be ample.

23. The Member doubted the competency of an Inamdar to cut teak trees growing on his estate.

The Dewan said that no general rule could be laid down, and that the right of the Inamdar was limited by the terms of his sannad.

24. He brought to notice the serious inconvenience felt by Inamdars from the misconduct of their Shanbhogs, who often put up raiyats against Inamdars, kept no account and did otherwise no work for the Inamdar. He requested that Inamdars might have power to suspend and dismiss their Shanbhogs.

The Dewan said that the rules which governed the rights and obligations of Shanbhogs in Government villages were in force in Inam villages, and that it was

for the Deputy Commissioner, who had the power, to punish the Shanbhogs, and not the Inamdars.

Kankanhalli Taluk.

25. Mr. Gundappa begged that the Shendi contract might be sold by Taluks.

He was referred to replies given to the Shimoga and Kadur Members.

26. He represented that certain assessed lands, situated in State Forests but resigned by the occupants, were included in the *hulbanni* lands of the Taluk and sold as such in the year. When raiyats took their cattle to graze on such lands, the Forest Department demanded a fee of four annas on each head of cattle. This was double taxation.

The Dewan said that this was irregular and that the Deputy Commissioner should at once enquire into this complaint and grant relief.

27. He requested that villagers should be compelled to make roads from one village to another. The Member said that they would not do this work unless the Government forced them to do it.

The Dewan declined to interfere.

28. Revival of old rules for the vend of General Stamps was again advocated, and the Dewan referred the Member to the reply given to Shimoga Members.

29. He asked that sayer tax might be levied on all the articles formerly subjected to it; and said that it would increase the revenue of the State.

The Dewan said that the Government of His Highness was not in favor of such taxation.

30. The Forest Department collected a tax for the ~~year to permit~~ grazing in the State Forests; they however closed the Forests for four months during the hot season, the very time when the Forests should be open. He requested that favorable orders might issue.

The Inspector General of Forests, who was present, explained that the Forests were closed during the hot months to fire-protect them. The Member protested that no fire was taken into the Forests, and that the cattlemen had their encampments and did their cooking, &c., within the encampments.

The Dewan said that the Inspector General of Forests might mark out encampments on borders of rivers and streams, and that cattle owners should arrange to keep the men in charge of cattle within the encampments for cooking and similar purposes, thus minimizing all chances of fire.

31. He recommended that a large Chattram might be constructed at Mysore for free feeding of people coming into Mysore for Dasara.

This was noted.

Closepet Taluk.

32. Messrs. Rangaiengar, Anup Singh, Balaji Rao and Nanjundagauda requested that a Taluk Cutcherry might be located at Channapatna.

The Dewan said that what was really wanted was a strong Police, which he promised to give early.

33. They advocated the construction of village roads by villagers, and were referred to reply given to the Kankanhalli Taluk Member.

34. They complained that District Forests did not give them sufficient wood for agricultural purposes and prayed that other Forest tracts might be marked out.

The Inspector General of Forests was requested to make a note of the point for enquiry and report to Government, if necessary.

35. They recommended the appointment of a midwife in large and populous towns.

The Dewan replied that if such towns would bear the cost, orders would issue at once.

36. They recommended that Committees might be formed to take charge of Muzarayi institutions.

The Dewan said that under the proposed Local Fund Regulation, Local Boards would be entrusted with the management of these institutions.

37. They stated that if the right to the fishery of a tank were given free to the villagers, they would keep the tank bund in order, doing the yearly maintenance work.

The Dewan said that this was being done in many cases, and that the rule would be made general.

Hoskote Taluk.

38. *Mr. Venkatadasappa* suggested a tax on the interest which Sahukars earned, by lending their capital at high interest.

The Dewan said the Government were not prepared to consider this proposal.

39. He advocated a system of Takavi grants to raiyats.

The Member was referred to the existing rules on the subject, which amply provided for such cases.

40. Complaint was made that excessive land had been assigned for free pasture at the Survey Settlement. The Member requested that the assignments might be revised, also that valuable lands covered with scrubby jungle and classed now as "Kharab", might be assessed and made available for cultivation.

The Dewan said that as each case came up, it would be enquired into and disposed of on its merits.

41. He recommended that the Potige or cash remuneration for service as Shanbhog and Patel, might be abolished, and the old land Inam might be revived with the old privilege of collecting *miras* from the raiyats.

The Dewan said that the old system could not be continued after the introduction of the Survey Settlement, and that the collection of *miras* was an inconvenient and unsatisfactory arrangement.

Dodballapur Taluk.

42. *Mr. Marigauda of Timmasandra* begged that instructions might issue for the formation of Sige-fence around each village, which would protect the village against thieves and give Government good revenue.

The Dewan said that this might be of use in remote villages and might be tried. The Government would not object, if raiyats grew the fence, and took the produce themselves.

Anekal Taluk.

43. *Mr. Ramaswamaiengar* requested that large Inamdars should be exempted from the provisions of the Arms Act, as some of the Coffee Planters were.

The Dewan said the case of Coffee Planters living in the jungles was different from that of ordinary land-owners of the Maidan Taluks. He admitted there was

inconvenience in having to renew the license every year. He proposed that the license should continue in force till cancelled by Government, subject, however, to an annual payment of the license fee.

Nelamangala Taluk.

44. *Mr. Srikantha Shastri* requested that the entire collection under Mohatarfa and Cattle Pound should be given up for the benefit of the Municipality which was very poor.

This was noted.

45. He begged that the kodi of the Sondalvadikere, which was lowered by the Department, Public Works, might be raised.

The Chief Engineer was asked to make a note of it.

46. The list of Marahmat works proposed by the Members was referred to the Chief Engineer for investigation.

HASSAN DISTRICT.

11TH OCTOBER 1889.

1. *Messrs. Venkataramanaiya and Bhimaiya* :—When bechirakli villages are restored, or when new villages are built, and temples constructed in them, and chattrams located and endowed, all by private enterprize, the Government should liberally grant inam lands to the temples and chattrams, and to the village servants.

The Dewan said that there would be very little difficulty in granting every reasonable aid in support of such laudable private enterprize.

2. They recommended that all Devadayam and Dharmadayam Inams resumed at the Inam Settlement might be restored.

The Dewan regretted that he could not pass a general order for restoration ; that each case of resumption about which a representation may be made, would be carefully examined, and the Inam restored if sufficient cause for doing so were shown.

3. *Mr. Venkatappaia* said that, at the Survey Settlement, several villages were not given free pasturage on the ground that there were no banjar tracts of Government land available in them, and recommended that in these cases, the Government might permit cattle of such villages to graze in the free pasturage tracts of the neighbouring villages having large Government waste.

The Dewan said, in reply, that this was also one of those cases which could not be disposed of by a general rule, and that each case deserved a study and decision on its merits ; the inconvenience complained of was true ; but in many cases there was no remedy.

4. The same Member recommended promulgation of simple sanitary rules for village sanitation.

The Dewan observed that it was an important subject and every thing possible would be done by Government but that a great deal depended upon the village communities themselves, and the more influential members of them especially.

5. *Mr. Hassan Subba Rao* urged that each village in the Malnad might be given a cattle pound.

The Dewan referred it to the consideration of the Deputy Commissioner.

6. He also urged that waste lands, wet as well as dry, both immemorial and others, might be given out for cultivation on Shrayam tenure.

The Dewan said the new rules under the Land Revenue Code would dispose of all questions connected with darkhasts.

7. *Mr. Kesavaiengar of Belur* said that applications for lands in the Malnad received in October should not be charged assessment for that year which was generally devoted to preparing them for the next following year's cultivation and that the amount should be collected from this latter year.

The Dewan referred him to the orders passed in the previous year's Dasara Meeting on this same subject.

8. *Mr. Hanumanta Settara Venkatrangaiya* complained of the heavy rate of garden assessment and the tax on the garden produce—supari. He prayed that Government might either remit the whole of the tax or reduce the rate on the inferior class of supari.

The Dewan referred him to the reply given to the Shimoga Members.

9. He advocated six revenue khists instead of four.

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The Dewan said the subject was under his consideration.

10. He recommended that the conditions of the Kerebandi Inams should be enforced.

The Dewan replied that such Inams had been resumed and the conditions of the original grant were no longer binding.

11. He said that Washermen were taxed Mohatarfa, while Barbers were exempted, and recommended remission in favor of the former as well.

The Dewan replied that this would be considered at the revision of Mohatarfa taxes.

12. *Mr. Mallappaji Ars* requested that registration of leases of more than a year's duration should not be compulsorily enforced.

The Dewan replied that the provision was a safe one and would not be altered.

13. *Mr. Udayawar Basavegauda* said it was hard to the inhabitants of some five Hoblis of the Manjarabad Taluk that this tract should be considered "Maidan" for purposes of Forest administration, and recommended that the whole Taluk might be declared "Malnad."

The Dewan said he could not grant the request as the inhabitants of the five Hoblis had, by their reckless felling, made this part of the country bare.

14. *Mr. Saklespur Kalappa* desired that the Malnad minor Inams might be treated in the way the Maidan minor Inams were, in regard to excesses in them.

The subject was referred to Colonel Grant, the Survey and Inam Superintendent.

15. He suggested that Government Rules and Proceedings published in the Gazette in English might be published with their Kanarese translations as well.

The Dewan said that orders would issue to that effect.

16. He repeated the complaint of members of the Shimoga District against the non-entry in Government Books of the names of all the hissedars of the Pattadar.

The Dewan said the defect would be remedied by the rules to be shortly published under the Revenue Code.

17. *Mr. Belur Channa Setti* reminded the Government of the state of the *Vimana* of the Belur temple.

18. *Messrs. Dasappa and Ramanna* wished that the temple of *Virupakshiswami* in Arsikere, a building of great architectural beauty, and the Ranga Charlu Memorial Chattram, might be repaired and maintained by Government.

The Dewan said that the temple had no funds of its own, and could not be maintained; he pointed out to them that the Deputy Commissioner had put in a sweeper to keep the place clean, and nothing more could be done. As regards the chattram, it enjoyed, he said, remission of shop tax which gradually would become a source of good revenue for the committee in charge of the chattram to utilize in maintaining it.

19. *Mr. Venkatarangaiya* solicited early orders for the repairs of *Rameswara* and *Virupaksheswara* temples at Hassan for which the devotees had subscribed largely.

The Dewan said this could be sanctioned.

20. Lists of Public Works (repairs and original works) were given to the Chief Engineer.

TUMKUR DISTRICT.

11TH OCTOBER 1889.

• Tumkur Taluk.

Mr. Ramadasappa said that the Government should frame definite rules for the selection of Members for this Assembly and for regulating their discussion in it.

The Dewan called upon him to explain in what respects the present rules were insufficient; the Member then urged that the Members should be elected by the people.

He also wished that the rules to be framed under the Land Revenue Code should be discussed in the Assembly before they were passed by the Government.

The Dewan said he was not prepared to grant either of these requests. He was sure that most of the Members themselves were not in favor of the elective system, and he could not submit the rules for their discussion, inasmuch as they required a thorough knowledge of the most minute details of revenue administration, which two-thirds of the Members did not possess. He would however be prepared to receive their views on the rules when published, and alter any on good cause being shown.

2. The Member advocated the promulgation of a set of simple rules for the guidance of Minor Municipalities, which at present, had no rules to guide them.

The Dewan said that the subject would be considered.

3. Referring to the Speech of the Dewan, the Member observed that it did not contain details of receipts and disbursements, and thought that they might be given in future.

The Dewan remarked that the Speech contained sufficient information for a brief address like that, and the Members might get any information they wanted, by studying the detailed budgets which could be put on the table for reference.

4. He next complained of the great distance of Maddagiri Forests from Tumkur town, to draw its fuel supply from; and requested that the towns-people might be permitted as heretofore, to get it from the jungles nearer Tumkur.

The Dewan would discuss the subject with the Inspector General of Forests.

Sira Taluk.

5. *Magadi Shanbhog Mr. Venkatrayappa* urged the absolute necessity of conceding to the raiyats, free use of Tangadi leaves for manure.

The point was raised and answered under Chitaldroog District.

6. He also urged the free grant of date leaves for agricultural purposes.

The Dewan pointed out that the existing rules amply provided for such cases, and if, in individual cases, the rules had been violated, the Member ought to have represented the facts to the Amildar.

7. He requested that the Government monthly Proceedings might be translated into Kanarese and published and sold to the public.

He was referred to answers given to the Members of other Districts on this point.

Tiptur Taluk.

8. *Mr. Chikkanna Chetti* explained that owners of supari gardens were subjected to unnecessary interference at crop time; the Patel and the Shanbhog paid their first visit to estimate the crop; then the garden owner went to them to report that the crop was fit for cutting and to obtain permission to cut it; then the same officials or the Shekdar came as it suited their or his convenience to measure the crop by baskets; then there was the final weighing after the skins were peeled off; the Member urged that all this took time and often damaged the crop.

The Dewan said that the procedure in this respect varied in the several districts and that there should be a uniform system. He remarked that a preliminary estimate and a final weighing ought to suffice.

9. *Mr. Chikkanna Chetti* also urged that the foreign supari coming into Mysore should be taxed.

The Dewan said he would consider.

10. Referring to the old "*mamul*" which gave supari garden owners permission to cart earth to their gardens from Government wastes, free of payment, the Member said that the Survey Settlement had virtually put a stop to this by assessing the waste lands; he begged that unassessed land and village sites might be thrown open to them for the purpose.

The Dewan assured them that the Land Revenue Code and the rules had amply provided for such cases.

11. The Member brought to notice that raiyats had neither compensation paid nor remission of assessment granted to them on lands taken up for Railway purposes.

The Dewan directed that the proportionate kandayam should be written off at once, and early measures adopted for the payment of compensation.

12. *Mr. Basavegauda of Tumkur* complained that the rate of assessment on wet and garden lands under the Maidalada tank was high, as high as Rs. 7—8—0 per acre of wet land and Rs. 16 to Rs. 18 per acre of garden. He begged the rates might be lowered.

The Dewan promised to enquire.

13. He observed that the Survey Department had stopped sub-dividing large waste numbers on the ground that the time granted for this work had expired, and requested that the term might be further extended.

The Dewan said that this could be done.

14. List of *Marahmat* works was handed over to the Chief Engineer.

KOLAR DISTRICT.

11TH OCTOBER 1889.

Malur Taluk.

1. *Mr. Sitaramappa, Shanbhog of Tirupati and Mr. Chintamani Kanchi Sitaramappa* solicited that Government might be graciously pleased to undertake, at Government cost, the repair and restoration of the Tirupati Temple, one of great note in this part of the country, attracting many thousands of pilgrims annually at the Chaitra festival; and they requested that, during the jatra season, the feeding chattram of Malur might be opened at Tirupati for four days.

The Dewan regretted very much that he could not sanction repairs at Government cost, and said that the devotees should subscribe the necessary fund for the work. As regards the feeding of pilgrims during the jatra, he would gladly sanction the transfer of the Malur chattar for four days to Tirupati.

2. They complained that, during the Survey Settlement, a portion of what was previously free grazing land was assessed and added on to the available culturable waste, thus diminishing the extent of free grazing.

The Dewan would discuss the subject with the Survey Superintendent.

3. They criticized and commented severely on the Banks of Kolar, which institutions they described as spurious and fraudulent, and begged that the Government would put them down.

The Dewan said that this was under investigation and examination, and that in any thing that might be done the active co-operation of shareholders was necessary.

4. They recommended the transfer of Yeladur and Dasanur Hoblis to the Sub-Taluk of Srinivasapur.

The Dewan would consider the proposal.

5. They recommended repairs to the Vigneswara temple in Mulbagal.

The Dewan would consider this proposal also.

6. They asked for an English School at Chintamani.

The Dewan replied that the merchants there were in very well-to-do circumstances and could afford to start a school; Government could give them a grant-in-aid under the rules.

Chikballapur.

7. *Mr. Narasimha Reddi* complained that bulgaval rates were raised by the late Deputy Commissioner without authority from Government and requested that orders might be issued to revise the rates.

The Dewan directed the Deputy Commissioner present to institute the necessary enquiry and submit a report stating the grounds on which the rates were raised.

Goribidnur.

8. *Messrs. Venkatanarayana Sastri and Surasetti* begged that octroi on cloth might either be abolished throughout the country, or levied everywhere; the present was a very unsatisfactory arrangement; some Municipalities collected it, and some did not; outside Municipal limits there was no octroi, placing the merchants trading in Municipal limits under disadvantage.

The Dewan said that this was a point discussed more than once in the Assembly ; it would be wrong to impose the tax throughout the Province, and most Municipalities cannot afford to forego this tax. Each Municipality was left much to its discretion in this matter, and he thought it the best arrangement possible.

9. *Mr. Nanjegauda* suggested that the Shanbhogs might be directed to sign all Vasul pattis and give them to Patels ; at present the former did not, as a rule, sign them though they wrote them, throwing thus the entire responsibility of their accuracy on the Patels, themselves avoiding this responsibility by reason of their not having signed the Vasul pattis.

The Dewan promised to consider the point in framing the new Revenue Code rules.

10. *Mr. Nanjegauda* also begged that permission might be granted for free cutting of honge leaves for manure.

The Dewan promised to consider the request.

MYSORE DISTRICT.

12TH OCTOBER 1889.

Mysore Taluk.

Mr. Virasangappa recommended there should be Night Schools established at the Head-quarters of every District and Taluk.

The Dewan said it was a point for the favorable consideration of the Local Fund Boards and their decision.

2. He said that the Postal authorities should be written to to employ as letter peons only such as are qualified to read and write.

The Dewan said that this was unnecessary as it was seldom that letters miscarried or were misdelivered.

3. He proposed that shops which were the property of temples, chattrams and other charitable institutions, should be exempted from Mohatarfa tax.

The Dewan said that this was being done where the institutions really deserved the concession: that Municipalities however objected to the concession, and he mentioned the case of *Mamuni Chetty's* chattram in Mysore.

4. He advocated the establishment of a Gymnasium in all Government Schools for the physical education of the students; said that in the village schools, the boys were given no religious education, and that this should be attended to; and that in schools of the Protestant Mission aided by Government Grants, there should be no teaching of the Bible to Hindu and Muhammadan students. He said the Roman Catholic Schools had no such classes.

The Dewan promised to consider the 1st and 2nd points, and as to the third point, did not understand the suggestion made, seeing that Government had provided secular instruction for all classes, and it was open to the public to send their children to Government institutions if they did not like to send them to institutions avowedly sectarian.

5. He commented upon the rules relating to the cutting and removal of trees in private holdings and the seigniorage on Government firewood.

The Dewan said that the complaint was general and that after careful consideration he had come to the conclusion that the rules required amendment. He thought the best arrangement would be to reserve certain tracts and collect tax on fuel cut in such tracts, removal of firewood from the unreserved tracts being free of tax. He promised to consult Deputy Commissioners and the Head of the Forest Department and issue orders early.

6. He recommended that each Hobli School might be given a peon, as the Head Master, without such an assistant, could hardly be in the School and collect the students as well.

The Dewan said that the matter would be considered in the Educational Department.

7. The Member next said that on more than one occasion, the subject of Industrial Schools and their establishment in the principal towns of the State had been discussed without any result; hoped the Government would early come to a decision and organize these institutions, the utility of which it was not necessary to point out.

The Dewan said that the subject was a very difficult one for the Government to deal with; that the schools would be of no use without workshops and that the workshops, to be of real service, ought to be on a large scale, which again would at once excite the jealousy of private manufacturing firms. (Colonel Bowen,

the Chief Engineer, observed here that from his experience in the Madras Public Works Department, he knew that the subject was a very difficult one, and that the private manufacturing firms unanimously complained of Government competing with them in their trade). The Dewan said that even the manufacture of small things in Jails, small as the item was, was a ground of complaint. He thought that schools of this class should be private institutions, the Government supporting them with a liberal grant-in-aid.

8. He pointed out that rates of Mohatarfa tax in Kasaba Mysore in 1885—86 were reasonable, and that they were raised in the next following year without any reason; requested that the old rates might be revived unless the shops, &c., had materially improved and were thus liable to higher rates of taxation. The Member also recommended the revision of Octroi duty.

The Dewan said the subject was engaging his attention.

9. Referring to the deficient and unwholesome water-supply of private wells in Mysore, the Member requested that each house might be given a tap from the Kukarhalli water-supply pipes.

The Dewan said that taps had been provided in all public places wherever they were required; but house connections and private taps could be given only when the available water was more abundant, and then on the payment of a special water-rate.

10. Talking of Local Fund Boards, the Member said that no accounts showing transactions of the Fund were ever published and added that the Boards seldom met in the Mysore District. The Member also suggested that the number composing the Board might be increased and otherwise strengthened by addition of influential raiyats and merchants.

The Dewan said that the accounts might be placed in the hands of the members and that the Deputy Commissioner would be written to to hold the meetings as directed in the Rules. He would consider the suggestion regarding the enlargement of the Board.

11. *Mr. Virasangappa* said that wherever Mohatarfa was collected for Municipal purposes, there ought to be a Municipal Board established.

The Dewan said this was being done as far as possible.

12. He referred to discussions in previous years on the subject of appointment of Village Munsiffs who would materially reduce the work of Civil Courts and recommended that an attempt might be made by appointing a Munsiff to Hunsur and another to Tirumakudlu-Narsipur.

The Dewan was inclined to think that a better scheme was the appointment of a Court of Panchayet for uncontested cases and the registration of their decrees by Taluk Amildars. He said the question was under Government consideration.

13. He thought a water-pandal for Sivachars was a necessity in Maddur Railway Station and requested that Government might establish one at no great cost.

The Dewan drew his attention to the fact that the Railway belonged to the Southern Mahratta Railway Company which should be written to on the subject.

14. He said that the site selected for the proposed Nagamangala Taluk Cutcherry was out of the town and very far, which would cause great inconvenience to the people and recommended that a better site might be selected.

The Dewan said that this was done.

15. He complained that the Ganaradhane Chattram in Nanjangud was doing no good to the public and the money grant was being spent irregularly.

The Dewan replied that this would be enquired into.

16. Finally, the Member solicited permission to clients in Civil Courts to argue out their own cases when their pleaders failed to do so from want of experience or insufficient knowledge of cases. Also solicited that orders might be issued to Sub-Courts to conduct the pleadings in Kanarese.

These suggestions were noted.

Hunsur Taluk.

17. *Mr. Basavalingaiya* begged that a midwife might be appointed to the Dispensary at Hunsur.

He was requested to make the application to the Deputy Commissioner who would dispose of it in due course.

Chamrajnagar Taluk.

18. *Mr. Annaiya Pandit* repeated this year his last year's request that Government might be pleased to put a stop to cow-slaughter in the Mysore State and in Mysore Town in particular.

The Dewan regretted that he was not prepared to legislate on the subject.

19. He complained that the toddy contractors deducted a certain amount for Local Fund, from the rent payable by them to the Inamdars for the use of their toddy; and urged that the deduction should not be made.

The Dewan observed that the standing order supported this deduction and the amount so deducted was paid to Government. He said the whole question of the right of Inamdars to toddy revenue was under discussion and early orders would issue.

20. The Member also brought to notice that the toddy rent was very irregularly paid to the Inamdars by the contractors; and recommended that the contractors might be warned to be more punctual and correct in their payments.

The Dewan said the Government idea was either to purchase the Inamdars' right to this item by a lump sum payment equal to 20 years' rent or to pay the Inamdars annually a fixed sum equivalent to the average of the last five years' rent. He promised to issue orders on the subject.

21. The Member advocated that power might be given to Patels to grant licenses to applicants (being raiyats) for cutting firewood. The Deputy Commissioner was opposed to this suggestion, especially as regards the Malnad Taluks. The Inspector General of Forests concurred with the Deputy Commissioner.

The Dewan said he would consider and pass orders.

22. He recommended that raiyats should be appointed as members to the Local Fund Committee.

He was told that the whole subject of Local Fund Committees would be disposed of on the introduction of the Act.

23. He suggested that Panchayats might be entrusted with the administration of charitable institutions.

This was noted.

24. He pointed out that the mohatarfa tax on all houses was a grievance and requested that houses of 20 Rs. value and less might be exempted from the tax. The Deputy Commissioner said that all thatched houses might be exempted.

The Dewan replied that he was not prepared to pronounce an opinion at once as he did not know what amount of revenue would be lost by the remission advocated. He thought remission of the tax on houses of 10 Rs. value and less might be fairly sanctioned. He however promised to consider the point.

25. The Member said that Taluk officials accompanying the Amildars in their tours through the Taluks were put to expense, often great with reference to the small pay they drew and that very often, they were the guests of village officials or Patels or raiyats or were fed by the Amildars, an arrangement by no means satisfactory. Recommended that they might be given batta.

The Deputy Commissioner supported the recommendation and the Dewan thought the request very reasonable.

26. He observed that raiyats having Khato in their names were exempted from house tax but not *bonâ fide* raiyats who lived entirely by cultivating lands as shikmidars.

The Deputy Commissioner said that all who owned ploughs and ploughing cattle might be exempted.

The Dewan replied that he would consult other Deputy Commissioners and publish the necessary rule.

27. He begged that Inamdars might be given the net realization of cattle pounds fees of their village.

The Deputy Commissioner stated that it was inexpedient to locate a pound in each Inam village, but should the request be granted, he thought it would be necessary that the Inamdars should be bound that the cattle trespassing in the village would alone be impounded, and that the realizations would be paid to the credit of the District Fund.

The Dewan promised to enquire into the matter.

28. In connection with cattle pound receipts, the Member suggested that raiyats who suffered from cattle-trespass might be given half the net realizations.

The Dewan referred him to the Act whose provisions were ample.

29. He pointed out that when an Inam village was held by several shareholders and vrittidars, the management was often bad, no accounts were kept, and the shares were not punctually or fully paid; recommended that Government might take over the management, appoint Agents, introduce accounts, and divide the net profits among the share-holders.

The Dewan said he would very gladly do so if all the parties interested applied for it.

30. He requested that the temple servants of *Chamarajeswara Temple* might be fed and not given raw articles.

The Dewan referred the question to the Deputy Commissioner for enquiry and report. He also directed that any surplus belonging to the temple might be invested.

31. *Mr. Hanumanta Rao, Pensioned Amildar*, said that a Brahmin Compounder might be appointed to each hospital and that Native Pandits might be encouraged and paid a small allowance to meet medicine charges as several Hindu patients had serious objections to taking medicines from hospitals.

The suggestion was noted.

32. List of works (original and repairs) recommended by the Members was referred to the Chief Engineer.